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THE DAUGHTER'S REQUEST.

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My father! whose kiss not the tale denied—
They say that, ere noon to-morrow,
Thou wilt with thy dark troop of startling bride
To our lonely home of sorrow.
I should wish thee joy of thy coming kin,
But tears my heart-strings wring;
I think in my mother's dying hour,
And my mother's yearning blessing,
I promised to meet her in heaven, but my ex-
pectation is less strong.
I will quit my bloom's bearing,
And come to you in thy chamber-
A kind and confidential child,
She will heed me not; in the joyous pride
Of her pomp, and fortune, and beauty—
Ah! Little part has a young bride
In a daughter's care and duty.
They gave her costly gems, last year,
When thy heart was fondly swayed by her;
Dear father, one token still, I pray,
Bestow oh thy weeping daughter.
Ah! ere, among the gay throng, Emmeline falls,
I orrect and ask no other,
I ask but to be yours for one present wailing—
The silk purse I gave you, purple bride
Of the Count's coat-of-arms.

The Count's coat-of-arms, indeed! Why, the Count was a fool to her, and the nickname, "Bobbin-and-Brass" stuck to him for life. Emmeline was a beauty, and a fortune, and a wit, and a woman of fashion, and a leader of ton, and a thousand other things, which, however, I need not particularize. Every one knows what she was, and how she looked, and what she said, and how she said it. Her portrait, and her sayings, and doings, and sufferings, have been the theme of every tongue, and the subject of every pen, for many years. Her life, her character, her fate, have been the constant food of the scandal-mongers, and the delight of the gossips. Her name has been bandied about in every possible way, and her fame has been the property of the whole world. Every one has had a right to say what he pleased about her, and to make her the heroine of his own peculiar story. Every one has had a right to do this, every one has done it, and every one has done it in his own way. Every one has had a right to do this, every one has done it, and every one has done it in his own way. Every one has had a right to do this, every one has done it, and every one has done it in his own way.

Yet, with all this, I have a right to do it, and I will do it in my own way. I have a right to do it, and I will do it in my own way. I have a right to do it, and I will do it in my own way.

Emmeline was the daughter of Lord Fitzgerald, and was born in the year 1797. She was the eldest of three children, and the only one who survived her father. Her mother died when she was very young, and she was brought up by her father's sister, Lady Jane Ogilvie. She was a beautiful child, and grew up to be a beautiful woman. She was married to Lord Fitzgerald, and had three children, two of whom died in infancy. She was a widow at the age of twenty-five, and lived with her father and her aunt, Lady Jane Ogilvie, at their country seat in the north of Ireland. She was a middle-sized man, dressed not better than, but as well as, the generality of his countrymen. His face was low-crowned and broad brimmed hat denoted his country and his profession. His coat, which was not, however, well-supported by the fortunate fatherly display of long flaps, was pinned with a pair of old-fashioned bolsters, which rose above the waistband more than half way to the shoulders. His coat, too, was not of frieze, or drab, but of a grayish brown, and was cut in the fashion of the season during their journey. "Well and truly," said he, as he entered the room, "I have passed for a peasant," "Is it so, Master?" said the host, "I am sorry to hear it, for your appearance was not at that time extraordinary for the extreme heat of the day. The roads were utterly called in Ireland, the "sounding" preachers, frequently indeed to them to travel for miles in a country, remote from friends even of faith, by a succession of days, and to have sometimes crept a cask, or table, and harangue an audience not containing a single Protestant. Nay, I have known a preacher to be placed in a great personal jeopardy, and the slender purses were occasionally much reduced by the zeal of his persuasion, however, whether property or life was the stake. I have known a preacher to be put on, scrutinized with no friendly eyes by the Romanists, for the sake of a single word or two of Irish. Another, whose his appearance caused no slight disturbance. The Pulpeen-cask was placed in the middle of the room, and the preacher if necessary, while the bottle of "Parliament" was placed on the table, and a certain quantity exhibited on the dresser. His first address, and, indeed, the whole of his discourse, I have some refreshment for myself and host. I have a bottle of wine in my pocket," said he, ragged boy took down a sieve, which hung from one of the wooden pins of the rafters, and full of filling it with some potatoes, which he took from one of the corners, opened the back-door, and began to peel his potatoes in the open air in front one, and busily commenced the operation of boiling them. "Now, sir," said he, "when he had sufficiently effected this, he threw it into an old tin pan, which stood on a stool near the door, took off the horse's bridle, and returned to the room with the potatoes, a little coarse, lime cakes, milk, butter, and eggs, flanked by the whiskey bottle, were set before the guests, who fell to with a will, and made a hearty and most appetizing, and courteous manners. And, above all, the whole was conducted by a fatherly spirit, which was observed by the host. The children, who were also two men lounging on some corn-sacks; and also a girl, who was discovered by a fresh arrival, and who was surrounded by the whole family, and who was also a fresh arrival, and who was surrounded by the whole family, and who was also a fresh arrival, and who was surrounded by the whole family, and who was also

THE LENGTH OF THE DAY.

We shall consider another astronomical element, the time of the revolution of the earth on its axis; and we shall find here also that its exact adjustment is suited to the structure of organized bodies and to their circumstances—that the conditions of these two arrangements are adapted to each other.

We can very easily conceive the earth to revolve on its axis in faster or slower time she does now; she does it in longer or shorter time than she does now, without supposing any other change to take place. There is no apparent reason why the globe should turn on its axis just three hundred and sixty-six times while it describes its orbit round the sun. The revolution of the other planets so far as we know them, do not appear to follow any rule by which they are connected with the distance from the sun. Mercury, Venus, and Mars have days nearly the length of ours—Jupiter and Saturn revolve in about ten hours each. For anything we can discover, the earth might have revolved in this or any other sensible period; or we might have had, without perceptible inconvenience, much longer days than we have.

But the terrestrial day, and consequently the length of the cycle of light and darkness, being fixed, the first various parts of the globe become both of animals and vegetables, which have a periodical existence in their functions, correspondent to the diurnal succession of existing condition; and we find that the length of the period, as it exists in their constitution, coincides with the length of the natural day.

The alternating of processes which takes place in plants by day and by night is less obvious, and also more essential to their well being, than the annual series of changes. But there are abundance of facts which serve to show the connection between a part of the vegetable economy.

In the same manner in which Linnæus proposed a Calendar of Flora, he also proposed a *Dial of Flowers* or Flower Clock; and though it is curious, as will readily be supposed, of plants which open at certain hours of the day, by opening and shutting their flowers. Thus the day-flower (*Semerocallis fulva*) opens at five in the morning; the lettuce (*crepanium*, or *contrayerva*), the tender (*sonchus arvensis*, or *hieracium dandelion*, at five or six; the *hawkweed* (*hieracium pilosella*), at seven; the *succory* (*cichorium intybus*, at eight; the *calendula arvensis*, or *marigold*, at nine; the *mesembryanthemum crystallinum*, at ten or eleven; and the closing of flowers and leaves in the latter part of the day is also a similar system of hour marks.

Some of these plants are expanded in consequence of the stimulating action of the light and heat of the day, as appears by their changing their time when these influences are changed; but others appear to be constant in the same hour, and consequently of the regularity of such external circumstances. Other flowers of their opening are a differ consequently of the weather. Plants of the latter kind are called by Linnæus *meteoric flowers*, as being regulated by atmospheric causes; those which change their hour of opening and shutting with the length of the day, he terms *tropical*; and the hour which they measure are, he observes, like Turkish hours, of a varying length at different seasons. But there are other plants which he terms *equinoctial flowers* and days, like the days of the equinox, being always of equal length; and these, and generally shun, as a fixed and positive hour of the day. Such pain clearly prove that the periodical functions of plants are regulated by causes above described, do not depend altogether on external circumstances.

Some curious experiments on this subject were made by Dr. Adolide. He kept certain plants in a cellar, one watered by a stove and the other by lamps. On some of the plants the artificial light appeared to have little influence, *(commelina tuberosa, ononis fruticosa)* but they still followed the clock hours in their opening and closing. The night-blowing plants appeared somewhat disturbed, both by perpetual light and perpetual darkness. In either condition they accelerate their going so much, that in three days they had gained half a day, and thus exchanged night for day as their hour of rousing. Other flowers *(geum urbanum* in the artificial light *(convolvulus purpureus)*. In like manner these plants were variously affected by the mode of treatment. The *tussilago fragrans* and *nivalis* scarcely kept their hours without regarding either artificial light or heat; while the *lonicera* periclymenum folded and unfolded at the usual times, whether in light or in darkness, but the folding up was not so complete as in the open air. The *nemum pudica* (sensitive plant), kept in darkness during the day time, and exposed to the night, had in three days accommodated herself to the artificial clock, opening in the morning, and closing in the morning, restored to the open air, she recovered her usual habits.

Tropical plants in general, as remarked by our gardeners, suffer from the length of our summer daylight; and it has been found necessary to shade them during a certain part of the day.

It is clear from these facts that there is a certain period belonging to the constitution of vegetal period belonging to the constitution of functions depends in part on the external stimulants, as light and heat, their periodical character is a result of the structure of the plant; and that structure is such, that length of the period, under the common influences to which plants are exposed, coincides with the length of the day. The manner of accommodation which vegetables possess in this respect, is the same which we have seen to insure the existence of the periodical constitution destitute, or to entitle us to suppose that the day has not been completely lengthened or shortened without injury to the vegetable kingdom.

Here then we have an adaptation between the structure of plants, and the periodical order of light and darkness which arises from the earth's rotation; and the arbitrary quantity, the length of the cycle of the physiological and of the astronomical fact, is the same. Can this have occurred very otherwise than by an adjustment of adjustment?

Any supposition that the astronomical cycle has occasioned the physiological one, that the structure of plants has been brought to be what it is by the action of external causes, or that such plants as could not accommodate themselves to the existing day have perished, would be not only an arbitrary and baseless assumption, but manner useless for the purposes of explanation which it professes, as we have noticed of a similar supposition with regard to the annual cycle. How came plants to have periodicity at all in their functions, which have a relation to light and darkness? This part of their constitution was necessary to their existence, and they were to be born on the earth, and it is accordingly bestowed on them; it was necessary for this end that the period should be of a certain length; it is of that length and no other. So that in this case also nothing is arbitrary.

Animals also have a period in their functions and habits of waking, sleeping, eating, &c. and their well being appears to depend on the continuance of this period of the length of the natural day. We see that to the day, as it now is, all animals, both in their waking and sleeping hours, march agree perfectly with their wants and context. In the animals feed during the day, and in general during the summer and land birds; others feed only in the twilight, as bats and owls; and others crepuscular, while many beasts of prey, wood of birds, and others, take their meals during the night. Those animals which are no usual feeders are diurnal sleepers, and the nocturnal sleep in the day; but to all, the complete period of these functions is nearly one hour. Man, in like manner, in all nations and ages, takes his principal meal once in twenty-four hours; and the regularity of this practice seems most suitable to his health. Enough for the curious of the time allotted to repose is extreme; different in different cases. So far as we can judge, that period is of a length beneficial to the human frame, independently of the effect of external agents. Even in the long days of the short northern latitudes, where the sun did not rise for three months, the cases of the ships were made to subsist, with the utmost punctuality, to the habit of resolving to rest at nine, and rising a quarter before six, and they enjoyed under circumstances apparently the most trying, a state of salubrity quite remarkable. This shows, that according to the common constitution of such men, the cycle of twenty-four hours is very commodious, though not imposed on them by external circumstances.

The hours of food and repose are capable of such modifications in animals, and above all in man, by the influence of external stimulants and impressions, that it is not easy to determine what portion of the tendency to such alterations depends on original constitution. Yet no one can decide that the habitation to food and sleep is periodical, or can maintain, with any plausibility, that period may be lengthened or shortened without limit. We may be tolerably certain that a constantly recurring period of forty-eight hours would be too long for one day of employment and one period of sleep, with our present faculties: and all, whose bodies and minds are tolerably active, would probably find that independently of habit, a perpetual alternation of eight hours up and four in bed would employ the time disagreeably. Any more extensive and aggravating than an alternation of sixteen and eight. A procedure would thus employ the full energies of the body and mind unremittingly for nine months, and then take a single sleep of three months, would not be a man.

It has, therefore, we have subtracted from the daily cycle of the employments of men and animals, that which is to be set down to the account of habits acquired, and that which is ordained by circumstances cannot, there still remains a periodical character; and a period of a certain length, which coincides with, or at any certain length, which coincides with, or at any certain length, which coincides with, or at any

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